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TO THE HONORABLE SCOTT C. CLARKSON, UNITED STATES

BANKRUPTCY JUDGE, UNITED STATES TRUSTEE AND ALL INTERESTED

PARTIES

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

A. Trustee's Fraudulent Transfer Adversary Action 8:23-01064-SC to Recover Debtor's Property Determined [Not] To Be Part of Debtor's Bankruptcy Estate On Petition Date; Orders entered by Honorable Erithe A. Smith DOC 273, 284, 383;

Trustee's Fraudulent Transfer Adversary Action 8:23-01064-SC Against Cancelled Entities,, California Secretary of State J-Pad, LLC and J-Sandcastle Co. November 22, 2021. DOC 77

That Impact Of Trustee's Action(s) on Debtors Automatic Homestead

On June 30, 2023, Trustee filed a "Complaint: (1) to Avoid and alleged Recover

Fraudulent Transfers; (2) to Avoid and Recover Post-petition Transfers; (3) for Declaratory

Relief; (4) for Breach of Contract; (5) for Money Had and Received; and (6) Unjust Enrichment"

("Trustee's Complaint"), against cancelled entities with California Secretary of State effective

November 22, 2021, (Docket 77) J-Sandcastle Co. LLC, J-Pad LLC, respectively.

Additionally, Debtor's three sons and granddaughter, Steven D. Gallian, Brian J. Gallian, Justin

Barclay, E.J. Gallian, Ronald Pierpont, and Robert McLelland. A true and correct copy of

Trustee's Complaint is attached to the Gallian Declaration as Exhibit ____.

The filing of Trustee's Complaint commenced Golden v. J-Sandcastle Co., LLC et al., Adversary

Proceeding No. 8:23-ap-01064-SC.

The Trustee alleges, the Transfers sought to be avoided first occurred in November 2018. The

statute of limitations on a fraudulent transfer action is generally four years.

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Because the transfers Trustee seeks to be avoided started in November 1, 2018, and the four-year limitations would be October 31, 2022, well past the date on such claims by Trustee especially against a J-Sandcastle Co LLC and J-Pad, LLC, Cancelled entities with the California Secretary of State November 22, 2021.

JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN, ("Debtor") requests this Honorable Court take judicial notice of several documents, including:

1. Docket 77 03/16/2022 CASE NO. 8:21-bk-11710-SC

Entity Name: J-PAD, LLC, - Termination - Certificate of Cancellation,

File Date 11/22/2021; Entity (File) Number 201804010750. See Decl. Jamie Lynn

Gallian **EX:** ____.

2. Docket 29 3/16/2022 CASE NO. 8:21-ap-01096-SC

Entity Name: J-PAD, LLC, - Termination - Certificate of Cancellation,

File Date 11/22/2021; Entity (File) Number 201804010750. See Decl. Jamie Lynn

Gallian **EX:**___

3. Docket 318, Page 28, 02/01/2023 CASE NO. 8:21-bk-11710-SC

Entity Name: J-PAD, LLC, - Termination - Certificate of Cancellation,

File Date 11/22/2021; Entity (File) Number 201804010750.

Copy of Certificate of Cancellation filed [within] the Trustee's own pleading as exhibit 4,

almost 5 months [before] Trustee filed Trustee's Adversary Complaint on June 30, 2023

against Defendant J-Pad, LLC a Cancelled entity Docket 1 8:23-ap-01064-SC

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4. Docket 29, 03/16/2022 CASE NO. 8:21-ap-01096-SC

Entity Name: J-SANDCASTLE CO LLC-Termination - Certificate of Cancellation

File Date: 11/22/2021; Entity (File) Number: 201829810053.

Records within Case No. 8:21-ap-01096-SC Docket 29, Page 6.

Proof of Service (NEF), Pg. 8,; Jeffrey I. Golden (TR)

See Declaration of Jamie Lynn Gallian EX:____

Confirmation of the above by using the California Secretary of State public website, readily available to the Chapter 7 Trustee and his attorney's prior to filing any pleadings against Defendants J-Pad, LLC and J-Sandcastle Co LLC, two Cancelled entities Trustee and his counsel were aware of. By filing numerous Request For Default on Cancelled entities who could not defend or be part of the Pllaintiff Trustee Adversary Complaint, Trustee and his attorney's Danning, Gill, Israel & Krasnoff knew beforehand would cause harm and detrimentally affect Debtors' right to her full awarded Claimed Homestead proceeds for shelter for herself and her family [after years of this pro se Debtor's efforts to protect her homestead, was she finally granted her full homestead]. Docket 273, 274, 394. Decl. Jamie Lynn Gallian EX:_____

Additionally, 5 months before the Chapter 7 Trustee Adv. And other pleadings, he and his attorneys Danning, Gill, Israel & Krasnoff LLP were aware of California Secretary of State, Cancellation of J-Pad, LLC prior to the filing of Trustee Adversary

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Complaint (as Trustee's own filing, (docket 318) included a copy of J-Pad-LLC California Secretary of State, Certificate of Cancellation as Exhibit 4, Docket No. 318, 2/1/2023, filed in the main bk case 8:21-bk-11710-SC).

Trustee and his professionals knowingly and willing conspired to cause the most severe heart retching pain to this mother's heart, by his egregious actions involving debtors family, her precious three sons, granddaughter, ex-husband and an endearing friend, accusations based on filing false information that devasted the family relationship, caused Debtors sons, Justin, Brian, Steven, to spend thousands of dollars on an attorney and debtors best friend of over 15 years Robert McLelland, to spend thousand of dollars to hire an attorney and continued to perpetrate and continue the false filings related to the false Causes of Action against all the defendants, but against two Cancelled entities J-Pad, LLC and J-Sandcastle Co LLC for his own benefit, up to three years after Debtor filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 7. Knowing that the only way to recover his administrative costs for himself and his attorneys, Trustee Jeffrey I. Golden and his attorneys, Danning, Gill, Israel & Krasnoff, conspired willfully and knowingly to file a false Adversary Complaint, in Federal Court, Case No. 8:23-ap-01064-SC Docket 1, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 542, 544, 548, 549, 550 and 551 and Rule 7001 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure presented false pleadings to this Court which the Court depended on from Officers of the Court, for making its ruling And did nothing to correct the record or stop the harm caused to Debtor and her sons Justin, Brian and Steven and REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE PURSUANT TO FED. R. EVID. 201(B)(2); MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES CAL, COM, CODE \$17707.08; DECL, OF JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN ISO FILED UNDER

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See Decl. Jamie Lynn Gallian EX.

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(Rule Approved by the Supreme Court, Effective November 1, 2018)

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES

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Courts may take judicial notice of any fact not subject to reasonable dispute that

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can be immediately and accurately determined by reliable sources. Fed. R. Evid.

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201(b)(2). Pursuant to this rule, courts frequently take judicial notice of public filings,

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Worldwide, Inc., 146 F. Supp. 3d 1187, 1192 (C.D. Cal. 2015) (taking judicial notice of

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FACTUAL BACKROUND

The Chapter 7 Trustee Jeffrey Golden, and his attorney Danning. Gill. Israel and Krasnoff, LLP filed a false adversary complaint Case No. 8:23-ap-01064-SC ("Complaint") Docket 1, against several Defendant(s) including J-Pad, LLC and J-Sandcastle Co LLC, cancelled entities, California Secretary of State, on or about June 30, 2023, with service of the complaint(s) by U.S. Mail, on the Managing Member of J-Pad, LLC and J-Sandcastle Co. LLC, Jamie Lynn Gallian without adding the managing member as the proper party of a Cancelled LLC complaint.

Ms. Gallians' due process was severely impacted as a result of Trustees complaint and the effect of improper Service because J-Pad, LLC and J-Sandcastle Co LLC are cancelled LLCs, and therefore cannot be joined in Plaintiff's Adversary Complaint. See Cal. Com. Code § 17707.08(c).

The bankruptcy court record reflects that J-Pad, LLC and J-Sandcastle Co LLC were cancelled LLCs in California on November 22, 2021, Docket 77, before Plaintiff, Chapter 7 Trustee, Jeffrey Golden served both complaint(s) on J-Pad, LLC and J-Sandcastle Co LLC, by US mail on or about July 6, 2023.

J-Pad, LLC, and J-Sandcastle Co. LLC filed a certificate of cancellation with the California Secretary of State in November 2021. Decl. Jamie Lynn Gallian, Ex.

Plaintiff served J-Pad, LLC on or about July 6, 2023. Gallian Decl., Ex. . .

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Service was improper because J-Pad, LLC and J-Sandcastle Co. LLC are cancel	lled
LLCs, and therefore cannot be joined to Plaintiff's Adversary action.	

The bankruptcy case record reflects that J-Pad, LLC and J-Sandcastle Co LLC became cancelled LLCs in its domiciles before Plaintiff served his complaint improperly and ineffectively to join J-Pad and J-Sandcastle Co LLC.

J-Pad, LLC filed a certificate of cancellation with the California Secretary of State on November 22, 2021. Gallian Decl., Ex. ____. J-Sandcastle Co LLC filed a certificate of cancellation with the California Secretary of State on November 22, 2021. According to California State's Secretary of State's website. *See* St. of CA. Entity Search, https://icis.corp.california.gov/ecorp/entitysearch/namesearch.aspx.

MEMORANDUM, POINTS & AUTHORITIES

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 17 states that courts should rely on the "law of the state where the court is located" to determine whether an LLC can sue or be sued. Fed R. Civ. P. 17(b)(3). California law therefore controls the determination.

Based on two decisions from courts in this District interpreting California law, cancelled LLCs are incapable of suing or being sued. *See Best Tire & Serv. Ctrs., LLC v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, 2017 WL 1017642, at *3 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 14, 2017); *Mirshafiei v. Legal Recovery Law Officers, Inc.*, 2016 WL 11464745, at *6 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 5, 2016). But both *Best Tire* and *Mirshafiei* concerned actions by or against LLCs that became cancelled before January 1, 2016, when material amendments to California's

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corporate code had not yet taken effect. *Best Tire*, 2017 WL 1017642 at *2 (LLC cancelled in 2014); *Mirshafiei*, 2016 WL 11464745 at *6 (LLC cancelled as of 2014).

Prior to 2016, an LLC that had filed a certificate of *dissolution* still existed in order to, *inter alia*, wind up its affairs and "prosecute and defend certain actions by or against it." Cal. Corp. Code § 17707.06 (effective Jan. 1, 2014 to Dec. 31, 2015).

In contrast, once an LLC filed a certificate of *cancellation*, the "limited liability company [is] cancelled and its powers, rights, and privileges shall cease." Cal. Corp. Code § 17707.08(c). In other words, prior to 2016, California law distinguished between dissolved and cancelled LLCs: the former could, in some circumstances, sued and be sued, while the latter could not.

California Legislature amended the corporate code such that, as of January 1, 2016, an LLC that has filed a certificate of *cancellation* "nevertheless continues to exist for the purpose of winding up its affairs [and] prosecuting and defending actions by or against it in order to collect and discharge obligations" Cal. Corp. Code § 17707.06(a) (effective Jan. 1, 2016). However, the Legislature left unamended section 17707.08, which still indicates that cancelled LLCs have no right to participate in litigation under any circumstances. Cal. Corp. Code § 17707.08(c).

Before the amendment, the California Court of Appeal held that "[a] non-existent entity may not be effectively served with summons as a named defendant." *Omega Video Inc. v. Superior Court*, 146 Cal. App. 3d 470, 477 (1983). If a cancelled LLC can

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"continue to exist" for purposes of winding up, the inverse inference is that it ceases to exist for all other purposes in light of section 17707.08(c).

Since the Trustee's adversary case does not concern J-Pad, LLC or J-Sandcastle Co LLC winding up, pre-amendment authority, such as *Omega Video*, *Best Tire & Serv*. *Ctrs.*, and *Mirshafieito*, suggest that J-Pad LLC and J-Sandcastle Co LLC did not exist for purposes of service of process of the Trustee's Adversary Complaint.

Review of post-amendment case law has not revealed any decision from any court that directly addresses the seemingly contradictory provisions in sections 17707.06(a) and 17707.08(c).

The Bankruptcy Court must therefore turn to canons of statutory interpretation to reconcile them, to the extent that the amendment has affected the continued validity of the pre-amendment authority cited above.

The "general/specific" canon dictates that courts should give effect to narrowly-drawn statutory provisions when they conflict with more general provisions.

See Brown v. Gen. Servs. Admin., 425 U.S. 820, 834 (1976). Applied to this case, the rule suggests that the Bankruptcy Court should effectuate the newly-amended section 17707.06, as it more specifically pertains to whether a cancelled LLC may sue or be sued.

Compare Cal. Corp. Code § 17707.06(a) (stating that a cancelled LLC continues to exist for the specific purpose of "prosecuting and defending actions by or against it"), with Cal. Corp. Code § 17707.08(c) (stating more generally that a cancelled LLC loses its "powers, REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE PURSUANT TO FED. R. EVID. 201(B)(2); MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES CAL. COM. CODE §17707.08; DECL. OF JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN ISO FILED UNDER SEPARATE COVER WITH EXHIBITS; ORDER ENTERED 5/15/2024, DOCKET 383, HONORABLE ERITHE A. SMITH, GRANTING DEBTOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION §704.720; §704.930; - 10

rights, and privileges"). Multiple other canons, however, militate against applying section 17707.06 at the expense of 17707.08.

Whenever possible, courts should enforce statutes in a way that harmonizes them rather than places them in conflict. *See Lindh v. Murphy*, 521 U.S. 320, 336 (1997) (courts should "accord more coherence" to disparate statutory provisions where possible); *See also* Antonin Scalia & Bryan Garner, *Reading Law: The Interpretation of Legal Texts* 189 (2012) (detailing the "Harmonious-Reading Canon"). Permitting section 17707.06 to entirely supplant section 17707.08's mandate that cancelled LLCs forfeit all rights and privileges would run counter to this canon.

Reading the two sections not as mutually exclusive provisions, but as components of a larger statutory framework, is helpful in avoiding that result. *See United States v. Morton*, 467 U.S. 822, 828 (1984) ("We do not ... construe statutory phrases in isolation, we read them as a whole."); Scalia & Garner, *supra*, at 167 (describing the "Whole-Text Canon"). Section 17707.06's terms make clear that it relates primarily to the "winding up" of a cancelled LLC's affairs and assets. *See* Cal. Corp. Code § 17707.06(a) ("A limited liability company that has filed a certificate of cancellation nevertheless continues to exist *for the purpose of winding up its affairs* [and] prosecuting and defending actions by or against it in order to collect and discharge obligations A limited liability company *shall not continue business except so far as necessary for its winding up*.") (emphasis added). It is therefore possible to read section 17707.06(a) as REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE PURSUANT TO FED. R. EVID. 201(B)(2); MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES CAL, COM. CODE \$17707.08: DECL. OF JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN ISO FILED UNDER

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announcing the following narrow exception to section 17707.08(c)'s broader rule: cancelled LLCs lose all rights and privileges, except that they may participate in lawsuits for the purpose of winding up their affairs.

Additionally, where statutory language is ambiguous or contested, courts should favor a construction that furthers the apparent purpose of the enacting legislature.

See William N. Eskridge, Jr. et al., Cases and Materials on Legislation and Regulation:

Statutes and the Creation of Public Policy 1210 (5th ed. 2014) (articulating the importance of purposive construction).

It appears that the California Legislature amended section 17707.06 to clarify when a dissolution occurs (rather than to clarify the scope of an LLC's rights after cancellation). *See* Rutter Group Cal. Prac. Guide Pass-Through Entities, at ¶ 6:822 ("The amendment [to section 17707.06] was requested by the [California] Secretary of State, apparently out of concern over when a dissolution occurs"). This context suggests that the Court should limit section 17707.06's application to cases concerning an LLC's dissolution or "winding up" process.

With the context and purpose of section 17707.06 in mind, it would be inappropriate to construe the 2016 amendment broadly to fundamentally alter all LLCs' rights after cancellation. Instead, a narrower reading of 17707.06 is appropriate: a cancelled LLC may sue or be sued, but only where such litigation concerns the winding up of an LLC's affairs] or the question of when or whether an LLC was dissolved or

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1 2	cancelled. The Trustee's adversary complaint is not such a case. Instead, this case arises
3	out of a dispute
4	See Complaint at ¶¶ Further, there can be no dispute as to when J-Pad, LLC and J-
5	Sandcastle Co LLC were cancelled, as publicly available documents make clear J-Pad,
6	LLC and J-Sandcastle Co LLC were cancelled in November of 2021 in California. See
7 8	Gallian Decl., Ex; St. of California. Entity Search,
9	https://icis.corp.california.gov/ecorp/entitysearch/namesearch.aspx.
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19	Therefore request is respectfully made to conclude:
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22	2. The Trustee Jeffrey Golden (TR) willfully and knowingly violated Cal.
23	Com. Code section §17707.08(c);
24 25	3. Find that Cal. Com. Code § 17707.08(c) controls and;
26	4. J-Pad, LLC and J-Sandcastle Co LLC had no ability to participate in the
27 28	REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE PURSUANT TO FED. R. EVID. 201(B)(2); MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES CAL. COM. CODE §17707.08; DECL. OF JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN ISO FILED UNDER SEPARATE COVER WITH EXHIBITS; ORDER ENTERED 5/15/2024, DOCKET 383, HONORABLE ERITHE A. SMITH, GRANTING DEBTOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION §704.720; §704.930; - 13

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EXHIBIT A

The Reversal Order directs this Court to issue findings concerning 1) the nature of the Debtor Jamie Lynn Gallian's ("Debtor") interest in the 2014 Skyline Custom Villa manufactured home located at 16222 Monterey Lane, Unit 376, Huntington Beach, California (the "Property"), including whether Debtor ever acquired (and retained) an equitable interest in the Property, and 2) whether title was transferred to her prior to the date the bankruptcy petition was filed. The within findings constitute the Court's response to the remand directive of the Reversal Order.¹

I. Background

This matter involves a dispute over Debtor's claimed homestead exemption in the Property. On or about November 1, 2018, Debtor purchased the Property from registered owner, Lisa Ryan ("Ryan") with proceeds Debtor received from the sale of her previous home. Debtor's Motion for Reconsideration at 15. [Dkt. 157]. However, on this same date, Debtor caused Ryan to transfer the Certificate of Title regarding the Property to her single-member limited liability company, J-Sandcastle Co LLC ("Sandcastle"), which Certificate of Title was recorded by Debtor at the Department of Housing and Community Development on November 16, 2018. *Id.* at 26; Houser Bros.' Motion Objecting to Debtor's Claimed Homestead Exemption, Exhs. 13 and 14 [Dkt 95].

A. Houser Bros.'s Motion Objecting to Debtor's Claimed Homestead Exemption
On May 12, 2022, Houser Bros. filed its "Motion Objecting to Debtor's Claimed
Homestead Exemption" (Homestead Motion"). [Dkt.95]. Various other parties joined in
the Homestead Motion. [Dkts. 98, 100]. The pleadings filed in support of the Homestead
Motion focused primarily on the argument that Debtor did not hold legal title to the

¹ The underlying bankruptcy case was transferred to the Honorable Scott Clarkson on September 1, 2022 due to the retirement of the undersigned, Judge Erithe Smith, on October 29, 2022. However, as Judge Smith presided over the hearing on Debtor's Motion for Reconsideration and issued the Reconsideration Order in her capacity as a recalled bankruptcy judge (effective until October 31, 2024), she has authority and

 $^{28 \}parallel$ jurisdiction to issue the within findings.

Property as of the date the bankruptcy petition was filed, i.e., July 9, 2021 (the "Petition Date") and, therefore, she was not entitled to claim a homestead exemption.

Debtor opposed the Homestead Motion, asserting that Sandcastle had transferred its interest in the Property to her on or about February 25, 2021, prior to the Petition Date. Debtor also argued that she was entitled to an automatic homestead exemption under Cal. Civ. Proc. Code §§ 704.710(c) and 704.720(a) as she had continuously resided on the Property since November 2018 through the Petition Date and had intended the same to be her principal residence during such time.

The final hearing on the Homestead Motion was held on July 21, 2022. At that hearing, oral argument focused on the issue of legal ownership as of the Petition Date. On August 5, 2022, this Court entered its Order Granting Houser Bros. Co. dba Rancho Del Rey Mobile Home Estate's Motion Objecting to Debtor's Claimed Exemption in 16222 Monterey Lane, Space 376, Huntington Beach, CA 92649" [Dkt. 177] ("Homestead Order") on the ground that Debtor did not hold legal title to the Property as of the Petition and, therefore, was not entitled to a homestead exemption under Cal Civ. Pro. Code \$704.30. This Court ruled that

... Debtor failed to meet her burden that the Property is subject to exemption. First, the HC records show that J-Sandcastle LLC, not Debtor, was the owner of record, on the Petition Date. As of June 7, 2021 – about a month before the Petition Date – the Property's registered owner was J-Sandcastle LLC, and the legal owners were Ron Pierpoint and J-Pad LLC. Hays Decl., Ex. 17 at 142.

Homestead Order, Exh. 1 at 10.

The Court did not, however, rule on Debtor's claim to an automatic homestead exemption under Cal. Civ. Proc. Code §§ 704.710(c) and 704.720(a).

B. <u>Debtor's Motion for Reconsideration of the Homestead Order</u>On July 26, 2022, Debtor filed her "Motion for Reconsideration of 7.21.22 Order

[sic] Sustaining Houser Bros. Co. dba Rancho Del Rey Mobile Home Estates Objection to Debtor's Claimed Homestead Objection, etc." ("Reconsideration Motion") [Dkt.157]. ² Debtor reiterated her claimed status as legal owner, as well as entitlement to an automatic homestead exemption. Opposition pleadings to the Reconsideration Motion were filed by Houser Bros. and other interested parties. 6 On December 19, 2022, this Court entered its Reconsideration Order on the ground that Debtor was entitled to an automatic homestead exemption. [Dkt 274]. Also

on December 19, 2022, the Court entered its "Memorandum of Decision Regarding Debtor's Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's August 5, 2022 Order Sustaining Objection to Debtor's Homestead Exemption ("Memorandum of Decision"), [Dkt. 273].3

Findings in Response to the District Court's Reversal Order

A. Did Debtor Have an Equitable Interest in the Property as of the Petition Date?

Yes. This Court finds that, notwithstanding the fact that Sandcastle was the registered owner and Ron Pierpont and J-Pad LLC were the legal owners of the Property, Debtor held an equitable interest in the Property as of the date of the Petition that satisfied the requirements for an automatic homestead exemption under Cal. Civ. Proc. Code §§ 704.10(c) and 704.720(a).4

In In re Gilman, 887 F.3d 956-965 (9th Cir. 2018), the Ninth Circuit provides a clear analysis of California's automatic homestead laws, to wit:

'automatic' California provides for an homestead exemption. Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 704.720(a). The automatic homestead exemption protects a debtor 'who resides (or who is related to one who resides) in the homestead property at the time of a forced judicial sale of the dwelling.' *In re Anderson*, 824 F.2d 754,

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² Debtor filed the Reconsideration Motion prior to the entry of the Homestead Order on August 5, 2022.

³ The Memorandum of Decision was intended to serve as the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law in support of the Reconsideration Order and was incorporated by reference in the Reconsideration Order.

⁴ A "manufactured home together with the outbuildings and land upon which they are situated" is eligible for a homestead exemption. Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 704.710(a)(2) (defining "dwelling").

757 (9th Cir. 1987); see also Diaz, 547 B.R. at 334 ("The filing of a bankruptcy petition constitutes a forced sale for purposes of the automatic homestead exemption.").

Under Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 704.710(c), a 'homestead' is 'the principal dwelling (1) in which the judgment debtor or the judgment debtor's spouse resided on the date the judgment creditor's lien attached to the dwelling, and (2) in which the judgment debtor or the judgment debtor's spouse resided continuously thereafter until the date of the court determination that the dwelling is a homestead.' This "requires only that the judgment debtor reside in the property as his or her principal dwelling at the time the judgment creditor's lien attaches and continuously thereafter until the court determines the dwelling is a homestead." In re Elliott, 523 B.R. 188, 196 (BAP 9th Cir. 2014) (quoting Tarlesson, 184 Cal. App. 4th at 937, 109 Cal.Rptr.3d 319). It does not require that the debtor continuously own the property. Id.

To determine whether a debtor resides in a property for homestead purposes, courts consider the debtor's physical occupancy of the property and the intent to reside there. *Diaz*, 547 B.R. at 335; *Ellsworth v. Marshall*, 196 Cal.App. 2d 471, 474, 16 Cal.Rptr. 588 (1961) ('The physical fact of the occupancy and the intention with which the premises are occupied 'are both elements to be considered in determining the actual residence.') (quoting *Lakas v. Archambault*, 38 Cal.App. 365, 372, 176 P. 180 (1918)).

California law rejects [the] argument that title to the property is claim homestead exemption. necessary а instance, Tarlesson held that 'judgment debtors who continuously reside in their dwellings retain a sufficient equitable interest in the property to claim a homestead exemption even when they have conveyed title to another' 184 Cal.App. 4th at 937, 109 Cal.Rptr.3d 319. The court further noted that "[s]uch a result is consistent with the purpose of California's homestead exemption to protect one's dwelling against creditors." Id. Likewise, Elliott held that conveyance to a third party does not defeat a debtor's right to an automatic exemption, 'because continuous residency, rather than continuous ownership,' controls the analysis. 523 B.R. at 196.

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According to the record, which is undisputed, Debtor used her own personal funds to purchase the Property. More importantly, it is also undisputed that Debtor has continuously resided on the Property since November 2018 through and beyond the Petition Date. Finally, there was no persuasive evidence presented by those in

opposition to the Reconsideration Motion to refute Debtor's position that she intended to reside on the Property as her principal residence during the same period. Accordingly, this Court finds that by her continuous possession and use of the Property as her principal residence since November 2018, Debtor held a sufficient equitable interest in the Property to claim an automatic homestead exemption under Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 704.720(a). *Gilman*, 887 F.3d at 964; *Tarlesson*, 184 Cal. App. 4th at 937.

B. Was Title Transferred to Debtor Prior to the Petition Date?

No. The Reconsideration Motion was granted <u>solely</u> on the basis of Debtor's *equitable* interest in the Property. The Reconsideration Order did not in any way alter, change or modify the Court's finding in the Homestead Order regarding Debtor's lack of *legal* title as of the Petition Date. None of the evidence presented by Debtor in the Reconsideration Motion persuaded the Court to reverse its finding in that regard. Specifically, Debtor presented no credible evidence that the certificate of title showing Sandcastle as the registered owner of the Property was transferred to her prior to the Petition Date. On the contrary, Houser Bros. presented documentation establishing that a certificate of title showing Debtor as the new registered owner of the Property was not issued until August 3, 2021, nearly a month after the Petition Date. See Homestead Motion, Hays Decl., Exh. 22 at 195. Based on the record presented, the Court finds that title to the Property was not transferred to Debtor prior to the Petition Date.

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In re: Case No. 21-11710-SC

Jamie Lynn Gallian Chapter 7

Debtor

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Date: May 17, 2024 Signature: /s/Gustava Winters

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to Debtor's Claimed Homestead Exemption" [dkt # 170] (the "Response") on August 4, 2022. Jeffrey Golden, the Chapter 7 Trustee ("Trustee"), filed "Trustee's Joinder in Houser Bros. Co. DBA Rancho Del Rey Mobile Home Estates' Response to Debtor's Notice of and Motion for Reconsideration of 7.21.22 Order Sustaining Houser Bros. Co. DBA Rancho Del Rey Mobile Home Estate's [sic] Objection to Debtor's Claimed Homestead Objection" [dkt 171] (the "Trustee's Joinder") on August 4, 2022. Also on August 4, 2022, the Huntington Beach Gables Homeowners Association (the "HOA") filed "The Huntington Beach Gables Homeowners Association's Joinder to Houser Bros. Co. dba Rancho Del Rey Mobile Home Estates' Response to Debtor's Motion for Reconsideration" [dkt #173] (the "HOA Joinder"). Debtor filed a "Reply to Houser Bros Co DBA Rancho Del Rey MobileHome [sic] Estates [sic] Opposition to Debtors [sic[Motion for Consideration [sic] of 7/21/22 Order Sustaining Houser Bros Co DBA Rancho Del Rey Mobilehome [sic] Estates [sic] Objection to Debtor's Claimed Homestead Exemption" [dkt #185] (the "Reply"). The Motion initially came on for hearing before the Honorable Erithe A. Smith on August 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. The hearing was subsequently continued to September 22, 2022 for further oral argument. Appearances were made as noted on the Court's record. After the hearing, the matter was taken under advisement.¹ Procedural Background

On May 12, 2022, Houser Bros filed a "Motion Objecting to Debtor's Claimed Homestead Exemption" ("Homestead Motion"). Dkt. 95. Joinders to the Homestead Motion were filed by the HOA, creditor Janine Jasso ("Jasso"), and chapter 7 trustee

¹ This case was transferred to the Honorable Scott Clarkson on September 1, 2022 due to the retirement of the undersigned, Judge Erithe Smith, on October 29, 2022. However, as Judge Smith issued the underlying order sustaining Trustee's objection to Debtor's homestead exemption, presided over the hearing on Debtor's instant motion for reconsideration, and continues to serve as a recalled bankruptcy judge, she has authority and jurisdiction to rule on this motion for reconsideration.

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Jeffrey Golden ("Trustee")² (collectively, the "Joining Parties"). Dkts. 98, 100. The Homestead Motion was set for hearing on June 2, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Dkt. 99. Debtor filed a late opposition to the Homestead Motion ("Homestead Opposition") on June 1, 2022, just one day prior to the hearing. Dkt. 105.

On June 2, 2022, the Court conducted a hearing on the Homestead Motion and continued the hearing to July 21, 2022 in order to allow the Joining Parties to respond to Debtor's late-filed Homestead Opposition. On June 23, 2022, the Court entered its "Order Continuing Hearing on Motion Objecting to Debtor's Claimed Homestead Exemption" ("June 23, 2022 Order"), which attached a copy of the Court's tentative ruling for the hearing on June 2, 2022. Dkt. 124. The June 23, 2022 Order provided that the hearing on the Homestead Motion was continued to July 21, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. to allow Houser Bros and the Joining Parties to file replies to Debtor's late opposition by July 7, 2022 and that no further pleadings were to be filed regarding the Motion. Dkt. 124.

Timely reply briefs were filed by Houser Bros and the HOA. Dkts. 129, 130, 131, 132, 133. On July 8, 2022, Debtor filed an unauthorized "Reply to Greg Buysman, CA Notary Public Commission Number 2341449; Owner & Operator the UPS Store, Edinger/Springdale." Dkt. 134.

The Court held a continued hearing on the Homestead Motion on July 21, 2022, at which time it orally granted the same for the reasons stated in its posted tentative ruling. That same day, on July 21, 2022, Debtor filed a "Notice of Lodgment of Orange County Tax Assessors [sic] Proof of Debtors [sic] Homestead Exemption Effective 2/25/2021 in Support of Opposition to Motion Objecting to

² Trustee's joinder was not filed until June 30, 2022. Dkt. 128.

Claimed Homestead Exemption" ("First NOL"). Dkt. 139. Later that same day, Debtor also filed a "Notice of Lodgment of Orange County Tax Assessors [sic] Proof of Debtors [sic] Homestead Exemption Effective 2/25/2021 in Support of Opposition to Motion Objecting to Claimed Homestead Exemption" ("Second NOL"). Dkt. 140. Finally, on July 21, 2022, Debtor filed a "Notice of Appeal and Statement of Election" ("Notice of Appeal") regarding a "7/21/2022 Order Denying Debtors [sic] Declared Homestead and Debtors [sic] Homeowners Exemption Effective February 25, 2021 with the Orange County Tax Assessor Pursuant to California Department of Housing and Community Development Certificate of Title Perfected February 25, 2021." Dkt. 143. Debtor's appeal was referred to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel based on Debtor's election. Dkt. 161. However, the Court's "Order Granting Houser Bros. Co. dba Rancho Del Rey Mobile Home Estates's Motion Objecting to Debtor's Claimed Homestead Exemption in 16222 Monterey Lane, Space 376, Huntington Beach, CA 92649" ("Homestead Order") was not entered until August 5, 2022. Dkt. 177.

On July 26, 2022, Debtor filed the Motion. Dkt. 157. Shortly thereafter, on August 1, 2022, Debtor filed a "Motion for Leave from the Bankruptcy Appeal [sic] Panel to Permit the Bankruptcy Court to Consider Debtor's Motion for Re-Consideration [dkt. 157] on August 18, 2022." Dkt. 167. The following day, on August 2, 2022, Houser Bros filed an "Optional Appellee Statement of Election to Proceed in District Court." Dkt. 168. A Notice of Transfer of Appeal to District Court was filed on the docket by the Debtor on August 8, 2022. Dkt. 180. Debtor also filed a Notice Regarding Appeal From Bankruptcy Court that was entered on August 11, 2022. Dkt. 184. Ultimately, the District Court Case, no. 8:22-cv-1462-RGK was dismissed by Debtor, thereby eliminating any issue regarding this Court's jurisdiction over the Motion. See Dkt. 215.

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Standards for Relief Under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 59(e) and 60(b)

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP) 59(e) and 60(b) are applicable to bankruptcy cases pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9023 and 9024 respectively.

A motion brought under FRCP 59 involves reconsideration on the merits and generally should not be granted unless it is based on at least one of the following grounds: (1) to correct manifest errors of law or fact upon which the judgment is based; (2) to allow the moving party the opportunity to present newly discovered or previously unavailable evidence; (3) to prevent manifest injustice; or (4) to reflect an intervening change in controlling law. *In re Oak Park Calabasas Condominium Ass'n*, 302 B.R. 682, 683 (Bankr.C.D.Cal.2003), *citing McDowell v. Calderon*, 197 F.3d 1253, 1255 (9th Cir.1999), *cert. denied*, 529 U.S. 1082, 120 S.Ct. 1708, 146 L.Ed.2d 511 (2000) (cit. omitted). The term "manifest error" is "an error that is plain and indisputable, and that amounts to a complete disregard of the controlling law or the credible evidence in the record." *Oak Park* at 783. A "manifest injustice" is defined as "an error in the trial court that is direct, obvious, and observable, such as a defendant's guilty plea that is involuntary or that is based on a plea agreement that the prosecution rescinds." *Id.*

A motion brought under FRCP 59 "may seek a reconsideration of the correctness and merits of the trial court's underlying judgment." *In re Wylie*, 349 B.R. 204, 209 (9th Cir. BAP 2006). A motion based on FRCP 59 may not be used "to raise arguments or present evidence for the first time when they could reasonably have been raised earlier in the litigation." *Kona Enters., Inc. v. Estate of Bishop*, 229 F.3d 877, 890 (9th Cir.2000). Further, such a motion may not be used to present a new legal theory for the first time, to raise legal arguments which

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could have been raised in connection with the original motion, or "to rehash the same arguments presented the first time or simply express the opinion that the court was wrong." In re JSJF Corp., 344 B.R. 94, 103 (9th Cir. BAP 2006), aff'd and remanded, 277 Fed.Appx. 718 (9th Cir. 2008).

Under FRCP 60(b), a party may seek relief from a final judgment or order on the following enumerated grounds: 1) mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect; (2) newly discovered evidence that, with reasonable diligence, could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule 59(b); (3) fraud (whether previously called intrinsic or extrinsic), misrepresentation, or misconduct by an opposing party; (4) the judgment is void; (5) the judgment has been satisfied, released, or discharged; it is based on an earlier judgment that has been reversed or vacated; or applying it prospectively is no longer equitable; or (6) any other reason that justifies relief.

Factual Background

This matter involves a dispute over Debtor's claimed homestead exemption in the manufactured home located at 16222 Monterey Lane, Unit 376, Huntington Beach, CA (the "Property"). The underlying facts are complex and are set forth in the pleadings filed in connection with the Homestead Motion and the instant Motion and are incorporated herein by reference. However, due to the narrow scope of this Memorandum, such facts will not be fully discussed except as relevant to the Court's findings and conclusions.

The pleadings filed in connection with the Homestead Motion focused primarily on whether Debtor had an ownership interest in the Property as of the petition date, i.e., July 9, 2021. It is undisputed that shortly after the acquisition of the Property in November 2018, its registered owner was J-Sandcastle LLC ("Sandcastle"), an entity wholly owned by Debtor. Thereafter, Ron Pierpont and J-Pad LLC were added as the Property's legal

owners. According to Debtor, Sandcastle's interest in the Property was transferred to her on February 21, 2021; according to Houser Bros the transfer did not occur and/or did not become effective until *after* July 9, 2021. In her opposition to the Homestead Motion, Debtor argued, among other things, that she qualified for the automatic homestead exemption permitted under California law because she had continuously resided on the Property as her principal residence since 2018 to the present. Debtor's Opposition to Homestead Motion at pp.15, 20. Dkt. 105. There was no evidence presented by the Joining Parties that disputed Debtor's residency claim.

Oral argument at the hearing on the Homestead Motion also focused on the issue of ownership as of the filing of the bankruptcy petition. Indeed, the Court's ruling on the Homestead Motion exclusively relied on matters relating to ownership, as reflected in the following excerpts from the Homestead Order:

In In re *Shaefers*³, the Ninth Circuit BAP found that a Chapter 7 debtor cannot claim homestead exemption in limited liability company (LLC) that he owned, which owned real property at which debtor resided; debtor did not identify any beneficial or equitable interest in the property, and LLC members such as debtor had no interest in the company's assets, rather, debtor's interest in LLC was a personal property interest outside the statutory definition of a homestead. 623 B.R. 777 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2020).

Here, Debtor has failed to meet her burden that the Property is subject to exemption. First, the HCD records show that J-Sandcastle LLC, not Debtor, was the Property's owner of record on the Petition Date. As of June 7, 2021— about a month before the Petition Date—the Property's registered owner was J-Sandcastle LLC, and the legal owners were Pierpont and J-Pad LLC. Hays Decl., Ex. 17 at 142. The HCD webpage indicates that "documents and fees" must be submitted to the HCD to

³ In re Shaefers was subsequently vacated by the Ninth Circuit on August 31, 2022 due to the dismissal of the bankruptcy case. In re Schaefers ("Schaefers II"), 2022 WL 3973920, at *1 (9th Cir. Aug. 31, 2022) (vacating decision). The BAP decision therefore has "no precedential authority whatsoever." See O'Connor v. Donaldson, 422 U.S. 563, 578 n. 2, 95 S.Ct. 2486, 2495 n. 2, 45 L.Ed.2d 396 (1975). It's availability for citation for any purpose is, therefore, uncertain. In any event, the Court notes that 1) in Shaefers, the debtor asserted an interest in the LLC itself and not in the real property owned by the LLC, and 2) as discussed *supra* herein, an equitable interest in real property may be shown by occupancy.

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transfer ownership of a manufactured home or manufactured home. The June 7, 2021, Title Search did not note any pending applications for title or registration change that might have added Debtor as the registered or legal owner of the Property before the Petition Date. And, Debtor paid no fees to the HCD between June 7, 2021, and the Petition Date that could have effectuated a title change. See Hays Decl., Ex. 26.

Moreover, the July 2021 HCD Transaction had a transaction date of July 14, 2021—five days after the Petition Date—and included a certificate of title showing J-Sandcastle LLC as the Property's registered owner and Pierpont and J-Pad LLC as the Property's legal owners. Hays Decl., Ex. 21 at 171. Included in this post-petition transaction was a document to add Debtor as the Property's "New Registered Owner." Id. at 172. Also attached was a County of Orange "Tax Clearance Certificate" issued and executed on the Petition Date, which gave the Property's "Current Registered Owner" as J1Sandcastle LLC. Id. at 191. The August 2021 HCD Transaction did include a certificate of title showing Debtor as the Property's registered owner, but according to the certificate, title was issued on August 3, 2021, nearly a month after the Petition Date. Hays Decl., Ex. 22 at 195.

Second, between February 1, 2021, and the Petition Date, all payments that Debtor submitted to Houser Bros. listed J-Sandcastle LLC as the payor/were on behalf of J-Sandcastle LLC. Only after the Petition Date did Debtor submit a payment on her own behalf. See Hays Decl. Ex. 23 at 203-222.

Third, Debtor provides no credible evidence that she acquired an interest from the LLC on February 25, 2021. In Debtor's Original Schedules, filed on the Petition Date (July 9, 2021), Debtor provided, under penalty of perjury, that "Registered Title with HCD Debtor's single member LLC, J1Sandcastle Co, LLC." Motion at 33 (Exhibit 2). In addition, Debtor, in the Opposition, asserts J-Sandcastle LLC's executed a notarized release of title document, claiming: "On the petition date July 9, 2021, the registered title owner of the manufactured home located at 16222 Monterey Lane, Unit #376, Huntington Beach, CA 92649 ('Property') was Jamie Lynn Gallian as of February 25, 2021, the date J-Sandcastle Co LLC signed and dated to release the Certificate of Title to Jamie Lynn Gallian, notarized the same date." Opp'n., 29. However, Mr. Buysman did not actually notarize these documents. Instead, Mr. Buysman's notary book shows that on February 25, 2021, he notarized for Debtor an "Affidavit of Death" and a "Transfer Grant Deed." Buysman Decl., ¶7-11. Mr. Buysman did not notarize the July 2021 HCD Submission either. Id. Debtor's improperly filed July 8 response, even if considered by the court, would be insufficient to counter the statements and documentary evidence set forth in the Buysman Declaration.

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In conclusion, Debtor failed to carry her burden because, on the Petition Date, the Property's registered owner was J-Sandcastle LLC, and the legal owners were Pierpont and J-Pad, LLC. As a result, the Property was not part of the estate and not eligible for an exemption.

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Neither the Court's ruling at the hearing or the Homestead Order includes a full or proper analysis of Debtor's claimed automatic homestead exemption under Cal. Civ Proc.

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Relief Under Either FRCP 59(e) or FRCP 60(b) is Warranted Because Debtor has

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In In re Gilman, 887 F.3d 956, 964-965 (9th Cir. 2018), the Ninth Circuit held

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As a matter of law, Debtor meets the requirements for an automatic homestead

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California provides for an "automatic" homestead exemption. Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 704.720(a). The automatic homestead exemption protects a debtor "who resides (or who is related to one who resides) in the homestead property at the time of a forced judicial sale of the dwelling." *In re Anderson*, 824 F.2d 754, 757 (9th Cir. 1987); see also Diaz, 547 B.R. at 334 ("The filling of a bankruptcy petition constitutes a forced sale for purposes of the automatic homestead exemption.").

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creditor's lien attached to the dwelling, and (2) in which the judgment debtor or the judgment debtor's spouse resided continuously thereafter until the date of the court determination that the dwelling is a homestead." This "requires only that the judgment debtor *reside* in the property as his or her principal dwelling at the time the judgment creditor's lien attaches and continuously thereafter until the court determines the dwelling is a homestead." In re Elliott, 523 B.R. 188, 196 (BAP 9th Cir. 2014) (quoting *Tarlesson*, 184 Cal. App. 4th at 937, 109 Cal.Rptr.3d 319). It does not require that the debtor continuously own the property. *Id.*

To determine whether a debtor resides in a property for homestead purposes, courts consider the debtor's physical occupancy of the property and the intent to reside there. Diaz, 547 B.R. at 335; Ellsworth v. Marshall, 196 Cal.App. 2d 471, 474, 16 Cal.Rptr. 588 (1961) ("The physical fact of the occupancy and the intention with which the premises are occupied 'are both elements to be considered in determining the actual residence.") (quoting Lakas v. Archambault, 38 Cal.App. 365, 372, 176 P. 180 (1918)).

California law rejects Phillips' argument that title to the property is necessary to claim a homestead exemption. For instance, Tarlesson held that "judgment debtors who continuously reside in their dwellings retain a sufficient equitable interest in the property to claim a homestead exemption even when they have conveyed title to another." 184 Cal.App. 4th at 937, 109 Cal.Rptr.3d 319. The court further noted that "[s]uch a result is consistent with the purpose of California's homestead exemption to protect one's dwelling against creditors." Id. Likewise, Elliott held that conveyance to a third party does not defeat a debtor's right to an automatic exemption, "because continuous residency, rather than continuous ownership," controls the analysis. 523 B.R. at 196.

Importantly, Gilman cites with favor the case of Tarlesson v. Broadway

Foreclosure Investments, LLC, 184 Cal.App.4th 931 (2010). In analyzing the interplay

between Cal. Civ. Proc. Code §§ 703.720 and 704.710(c), the Tarlesson Court explained:

Broadway bases its argument in substantial part on the language of section 703.020 which provides that statutory exemptions "apply only to property of a natural person." Broadway reads section 703.020 to imply a requirement of ownership. But the authorities Broadway cites do not support its argument. While section 703.020, subdivision (a) states generally that "[t]he exemptions provided by this chapter apply only to property of a natural person," the statutory definition of "homestead" provided in section 704.710 requires only that the judgment debtor reside in the property as his or her principal dwelling at the time the judgment creditor's lien attaches and continuously thereafter until the court determines the dwelling is a homestead. (§ 704.710, subd. (c).) There is no requirement in section 704.710 that the judgment debtor continuously

own the property, and we do not read section 703.020 to impose such a requirement. 184 Cal.App.4th at 937.

Further, the Court in *Tarlesson* recognized that "debtors who continuously reside in their dwellings retain a sufficient equitable interest in the property to claim a homestead exemption even when they have conveyed title to another." *Id.* (citations omitted). Accordingly, the Court finds and concludes that Debtor satisfied her burden of establishing entitlement to an automatic homestead exemption under California law and that the Court erred in not recognizing such entitlement in its Homestead Order.

Debtor's Homestead Exemption in the Amount of \$600,000 Allowed by Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 704.730(a) is Not Limited by § 522(p)(1)

In its Response to the Motion, Houser Bros requests that if the Court grants the Motion to allow Debtor a homestead exemption, such exemption should be limited to \$170,350 pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 522(p)(1) because, according to Debtor, she acquired an ownership interest in the Property on February 21, 2022 (less than 180 days before the bankruptcy filing). Section 522(p)(1) limits a debtor's ability to take advantage of homestead exemptions under state law. Specifically, § 522(p)(1) provides that a debtor "may not exempt any amount of interest that was acquired by the debtor during the 1215-day period preceding the date of the filing of the petition that exceeds . . . \$170,350 in value in real or personal property that the debtor . . . uses as a residence." (emphasis added) A majority of courts have held that § 522(p)(1) applies to "opt-out" states such as California. See, *In re Virissimo*, 332 B.R. 201, 207 (Bankr. D.Nev.2005); *Kane v. Zions Bancorporation, N.A.*, 2022 WL 4591787 (September 29, 2022). This Court

agrees with the majority view regarding the application of § 522(p)(1) to exemptions allowed under California law.

The Ninth Circuit has held that "it appears that Congress intended 'acquire' to mean 'gaining possession or control' by purchasing or gaining an ownership interest, either legal or equitable." *In re Greene*, 583 F.3d 614, 623 (9th Cir.2009). California law provides for an automatic homestead exemption, which protects a debtor "who resides . . . in the homestead property at the time of a forced judicial sale of the dwelling." *Gilman*, 887 F.3d at 964. The filing of a bankruptcy petition has been held to constitute a forced sale that triggers the application of the automatic homestead exemption. *In re Elliott*, 523 B.R. 188, 195 (9th Cir. BAP 2014). As previously noted, in California, title to the property is not necessary to claim an automatic homestead exemption. *Gilman* at 965 ("To determine whether a debtor resides in a property for homestead purposes, courts consider the debtor's physical occupancy of the property and the intent to reside there.")

Here, Debtor has sufficiently demonstrated both continuous occupancy of the Property as well as her intent to reside there. Consequently, she qualifies for the homestead exemption provided under Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 704.720(a) without regard to, and irrespective of, her subsequent acquisition of legal title. Accordingly, the amount of her exemption permitted under Cal. Civ Proc. Code § 704.730(a) is not affected by the restriction imposed by § 522(p)(1).

Conclusion

Based upon the foregoing, the Court finds and concludes that 1) Debtor's continuous possession and occupation of the Property as her principal residence (irrespective of ownership) constitutes an equitable interest that is sufficient to establish her entitlement to the automatic homestead exemption provided by Cal. Civ. Proc. Code

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filed a "Response to Debtor's Notice of and Motion for Reconsideration of 7.21.22 Order

Sustaining Houser Bros. Co. DBA Rancho Del Rey Mobile Home Estate's [sic] Objection

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2022. Jeffrey Golden, the Chapter 7 Trustee ("Trustee"), filed "Trustee's Joinder in Houser Bros. Co. DBA Rancho Del Rey Mobile Home Estates' Response to Debtor's Notice of and Motion for Reconsideration of 7.21.22 Order Sustaining Houser Bros. Co. DBA Rancho Del Rey Mobile Home Estate's [sic] Objection to Debtor's Claimed Homestead Objection" [dkt 171] (the "Trustee's Joinder") on August 4, 2022. Also on August 4, 2022, the Huntington Beach Gables Homeowners Association (the "HOA") filed "The Huntington Beach Gables Homeowners Association's Joinder to Houser Bros. Co. dba Rancho Del Rey Mobile Home Estates' Response to Debtor's Motion for Reconsideration" [dkt #173] (the "HOA Joinder"). Debtor filed a "Reply to Houser Bros Co DBA Rancho Del Rey MobileHome [sic] Estates [sic] Opposition to Debtors [sic[Motion for Consideration [sic] of 7/21/22 Order Sustaining Houser Bros Co DBA Rancho Del Rey Mobilehome [sic] Estates [sic] Objection to Debtor's Claimed Homestead Exemption" [dkt #185] (the "Reply"). The Motion initially came on for hearing before the Honorable Erithe A. Smith, United States Bankruptcy Judge, on August 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. The hearing was subsequently continued to September 22, 2022 for further oral argument. Appearances were made as noted on the Court's record. After the hearing, the matter was taken under advisement.1

For the reasons set forth in the Memorandum of Decision Regarding Debtor's Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's August 5, 2022 Order Sustaining the Objection to Debtor's Homestead Exemption entered on December 19, 2022 [Dkt. 273], it is hereby ordered that:

¹ This case was transferred to the Honorable Scott Clarkson on September 1, 2022 due to the retirement of the undersigned, Judge Erithe Smith on October 29, 2022. However, as Judge Smith issued the underlying order sustaining Trustee's objection to Debtor's homestead exemption, presided over the hearing on Debtor's instant motion for reconsideration, and continues to serve as a recalled bankruptcy judge, she has authority and jurisdiction to rule on the motion for reconsideration.

1. The Motion is granted under FRCP 59(e) on the basis of manifest error of law and under FRCP 60(b)(6); The Court's Homestead Order entered on August 5, 2022 [Dkt. 177] is 2. vacated and, as such, Houser Bros' Homestead Motion is deemed denied; and 3. Debtor is entitled to a homestead exemption in the amount of \$600,000 pursuant to Cal. Civ. Proc. Code. §§ 704.720(a) and 704.730(a). ### Date: December 19, 2022 United States Bankruptcy Judge

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25	bankruptcy estate (the "Estate") of Jamie Lynn Gallian (the "Debtor), hereby submits this							
26	opposition to the Debtor's Notice of Hearing and Motion Requesting the Trustee Abandon Estate's							
27	Interest in Debtor's Primary Residence, Space 376 2014 Skyline Manufactured Home LBM1981							
28	(docket nos. 307, 308, 309 and 312).							
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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

The Debtor's Notice of Hearing and Motion Requesting the Trustee Abandon Estate's Interest in Debtor's Primary Residence, Space 376 2014 Skyline Manufactured Home LBM1981 (docket nos. 307, 308, 309 and 312) (collectively, the "Motion"), requests that Jeffrey I. Golden, as the Chapter 7 Trustee (the "Trustee") for the Debtor's bankruptcy estate (the "Estate")

abandon the estates (*sic*) interest in Debtor's primary residency, space 376 2014 Skyline Manufactured home LBM1081 located at 16222 Monterey Lane Dr. Unit 376, Huntington Beach, California 92649 [(the "Property")]. Motion, p. 1.

However, the Motion does not cite any authority or offer any evidence in support of the requested relief and must be denied. In addition, on the merits, the Property is not burdensome or of inconsequential value to the estate. Abandonment is also not appropriate at this time because the order granting the Debtor's claimed homestead exemption in the Property is on appeal and the appeal has not yet been fully resolved. Thus, it would be premature for the Court to rule on abandonment, and outside the Court's jurisdiction to do so, while the appeal is pending. Accordingly, as discussed further below, the Court should deny the Motion at this time.

1. The Motion is Defective on its Face

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9013 provides that a "motion shall state with particularity the grounds therefore, and shall set forth the relief or order sought." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9013. Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(c)(3) further requires that a motion must be served and filed with:

- (A) Duly authenticated copies of all photographs and documentary evidence that the moving party intends to submit in support of the motion, in addition to the declarations required or permitted by FRBP 9006(d); and
- (B) A written statement of all reasons in support thereof, together with a memorandum of the points and authorities upon which the moving party will rely.
- 25 | LBR 9013-1(c)(3).

Here, in violation of Fed. Bankr. R. 9013 and Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(c)(3), the Debtor filed the Motion without any evidence or memorandum of points and authorities. All that is

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provided is a plain notice and a copy of the Court's Order Granting the Debtor's Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's August 5, 2022 Order Sustaining Objection to Debtor's Homestead Exemption (docket no. 274) (the "Homestead Order"), attached to the notice. There is simply no evidence or any written statement setting forth with particularity why the Court should compel the requested abandonment of the Property. Without evidence or a memorandum of points and authorities the Motion is defective on its face and the relief requested must be denied.

The Debtor also does not appear to have paid the required fee associated with filing a motion to compel abandonment. See https://www.cacb.uscourts.gov/filing-fees and 28 U.S.C. § 1930. The Court should not condone the Debtor's failure to pay the required fee.

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2. The Motion Should Also Be Denied on the Merits

To the extent that the Court looks past the Debtor's procedural failures with the Motion, the Court should deny the Motion on the merits. As a preliminary matter, it is the Debtor's burden to compel abandonment under 11 U.S.C. § 554(b). In re Gill, 574 B.R. 709, 714 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2017) ("The moving party has the burden of establishing that the property at issue is burdensome or of inconsequential value and benefit to the estate"). Section 554(b) only permits a court to order a trustee to abandon property of the estate where the property is "burdensome to the estate or that is of inconsequential value and benefit to the estate." 11 U.S.C. § 554(b). An order to compel abandonment is "the exception, not the rule" and it is the burden of the party seeking to compel abandonment (i.e., the Debtor) to prove that the asset has no value. *Id.* The Debtor, without any evidence, cannot meet her burden. The Debtor has not offered any evidence relevant to whether the Property is burdensome or of inconsequential value to the estate, including the value of the Property or the lack of equity in the Property for the Trustee to administer. All that she offers is the Homestead Order, which the Debtor fails to mention is on appeal and not fully resolved. Therefore, because the Debtor cannot meet her burden and has failed to do so, the relief requested in the Motion must be denied.

Although the Debtor has not met her burden, the evidence available to the Trustee demonstrates that there may indeed be value in the Property for the estate, and that abandonment is

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not appropriate at this time. In particular, the Trustee obtained an opinion that the Property is valued at or near \$300,000. *See* Declaration of Greg Bingham,¶ 2, filed in support of the Trustee's Application to Employ Coldwell Banker (*docket no. 162*) a copy of which declaration is attached as Exhibit "1" hereto. In addition, the Court entered the Homestead Order on December 19, 2022, but on December 29, 2022, creditor Houser Bros. Co., filed a timely notice of appeal (*docket no. 280*), which appeal is now pending before the District Court as Case No. 8:23-cv-00001-DSF (the "Homestead Appeal"). As such, the Debtor's claim of exemption in the Property has not yet been fully resolved and, if the Homestead Order were reversed on appeal, the Debtor's claimed homestead exemption will be disallowed and the equity in the Property will be available for the estate and its creditors.

Furthermore, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (where liens on manufactured homes are to be recorded, *see* Cal. Health & Safety Code § 18100.5 *et seq.*) only lists the lien of J-Pad LLC on the Property. Copies of the title transaction documents for the Property are attached, collectively, as Exhibit "2" hereto. The Debtor has previously admitted in the bankruptcy case and a related adversary proceeding that the Debtor is (and has been) the sole member of J-Pad LLC, since October 18, 2018, and that J-Pad LLC's lien is for \$175,000. The Trustee disputes that J-Pad LLC's lien of \$175,000 is valid and, if necessary, will challenge the purported lien if the Homestead Order is reversed on appeal. However, even if the lien were valid, the estate owns the Debtor's sole membership interest in J-Pad LLC, and there still may be equity

¹ To the extent there are other lienholders that assert liens on the Property that are not of record with the California Department of Housing and Community Development, the Trustee does not believe that such liens have attached to the Property. *See* Cal. Code Civ. P. § 697.310 (providing that a judgement lien is created on real property by recording an abstract of a money judgment with the county recorder) and Cal. Code Civ. P. § 697.530(d) (providing that a judgment lien on personal property does not attach to a mobilehome or commercial coach required to be registered pursuant to the Cal. Health & Safety Code).

² See Declaration of Jamie Lynn Gallian, filed on March 16, 2022, in adv. no. 8:21-ap-01096 - Jasso v. Gallian et al, adv. docket no. 29, attached as Exhibit "3" hereto.

³ See Motion to Avoid Lien Under 11 U.S.C. Section 522(f) and Declaration of Jamie Lynn Gallian, filed on January 13, 2022, docket no. 297, and attached Gallian Declaration at ¶ 10.

in the Property even if the homestead is valid, since the lien trumps a claim of exemption.⁴

In light of the above facts, there is no justification for the request to compel the Trustee to abandon the Property.

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3. The Court Lacks Jurisdiction to Rule on Abandonment at this Time

The Debtor's Motion and the requested relief to abandon the Property are directly related to the Homestead Appeal. As a result, the Court lacks jurisdiction to grant the Debtor's requested relief to abandon the Property pending the disposition of the Homestead Appeal. The filing of a notice of appeal is an event of jurisdictional significance -- it confers jurisdiction on the court of appeals and divests the trial court of its control over those aspects of the case involved in the appeal. Griggs v. Provident Consumer Disc. Co., 459 U.S. 56, 58, 103 S. Ct. 400, 402 (1982) (abrogated on other grounds). When an appeal is pending, the Court may only implement or enforce its order while on appeal, but it may not alter or expand upon the order. Sherman v. SEC (In re Sherman), 491 F.3d 948, 967 (9th Cir. 2007) (citing Neary v. Padilla (In re Padilla), 222 F.3d 1184, 1190 (9th Cir. 2000) (abrogated on other grounds)). Thus, this Court only retains jurisdiction over matters unrelated to the appeal. See In re Ahmed, 420 B.R. 518, 523 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2009) (emphasis added). Here, however, the Debtor's requested abandonment is tied directly to the Court's ruling with respect to the Homestead Order. In fact, the Homestead Order is attached to the Motion and it is the sole cited basis upon with the Debtor has requested abandonment of the Property. Accordingly, because the requested abandonment is directly related to the Homestead Order, which is currently on appeal to the District Court, this Court lacks jurisdiction to adjudicate the Motion.

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⁴ J-Pad LLC, was terminated with the California Secretary of State on November 22, 2021. A copy of the termination is attached as Exhibit "4" hereto.

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4. Conclusion

The Debtor's Motion should be denied because the Debtor has not met her burden to establish that the Property is burdensome or of inconsequential value to the estate. Indeed, she offers no analysis of the equity in the Property and the Property may indeed have equity for the estate. Furthermore, abandonment is also not appropriate at this time because the Homestead Order, which is the sole basis for the requested relief, is on appeal and the appeal has not yet been fully resolved. Therefore, the Court should deny the relief requested in the Motion its entirety. The Trustee prays for all other appropriate relief under the circumstances.

DATED: February 1, 2023 DANNING, GILL, ISRAEL & KRASNOFF, LLP

By: _____/s/ Aaron E. de Leest

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REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE

Jeffrey I. Golden, as Chapter 7 Trustee (the "Trustee") for the bankruptcy estate of Jamie Lynn Gallian (the "Debtor), requests that the Court take judicial notice of the following facts.

- 1. On or about July 28, 2022, the Trustee filed his Application of the Chapter 7 Trustee to Employ Real Estate Broker Coldwell Banker Realty and Agents William Friedman and Greg Bingham Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 327 and 328; Memorandum of Points and Authorities; and Declarations of William Friedman and Greg Bingham in Support (docket no. 162). A true and correct copy Greg Bingham's declaration is attached as Exhibit "1" hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 2. On or about August 5, 2022, the Court entered its Order Granting Houser Bros. Co. dba Rancho Del Rey Mobile Home Estate's Motion Objecting to Debtor's Claimed Homestead Exemption in , docket No. 95 (docket no. 177), disallowing any claim of exemption by the Debtor in such property.
- 3. On December 19, 2022, the Court entered its Order Granting the Debtor's Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's August 5, 2022 Order Sustaining Objection to Debtor's Homestead Exemption (docket no. 274).
- 4. On December 29, 2022, creditor Houser Bros. Co., filed a timely notice of appeal (docket no. 280), which appeal is now pending before the District Court as Case No. 8:23-cv-00001-DSF.
- 5. The California Department of Housing and Community Development only lists the lien of J-Pad LLC on the Property. True and correct copies of the title transaction documents for the Property are attached as Exhibit "2" hereto.
- 6. The Debtor admitted in the Declaration of Jamie Lynn Gallian, adv. no. 8:21-ap-01096 - Jasso v. Gallian et al., adv. docket no. 29, filed on March 16, 2022, that the Debtor has been the sole member of J-Pad LLC, since October 18, 2018. A true and correct copy of the Debtor's Declaration is attached as Exhibit "3" hereto.
- 7. The Debtor admitted in her Motion to Avoid Lien Under 11 U.S.C. Section 522(f) and Declaration of Jamie Lynn Gallian at ¶ 10, filed on January 13, 2022, docket no. 297, that J-

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DECLARATION OF GREG BINGHAM

I, Greg Bingham, declare:

- 1. I am a real estate agent licensed in the State of California. I know each of the following facts to be true of my own personal knowledge or information and belief and, if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify with respect thereto. I am an agent of Coldwell Banker, located at 840 Newport Center Drive, Suite 100, Newport Beach, California 92660. I am submitting this Declaration in support of the *Application of the Chapter 7 Trustee to Employ Real Estate Broker Coldwell Banker Realty and Agents William Friedman and Greg Bingham Pursuant to 11 U.S.C.* §§ 327 and 328 ("Application"). Any capitalized terms not expressly defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Application.
- 2. I have advised the Trustee that the current market value of the Property is at or near \$300,000.
- 3. The Broker and I are qualified to represent the Trustee and the Estate in connection with the marketing and sale of the Property. A true and correct copy of the Listing Agreement is attached as **Exhibit 1**. A true and correct copy of my profile is attached as **Exhibit 2**.
- 4. On behalf of the Broker, I have agreed to accept employment on the terms and conditions set forth in the Application.
- 5. The Broker and I are employed by the Trustee in other unrelated matters. In addition, Danning, Gill, Israel & Krasnoff, LLP, the Trustee's general counsel, and attorney-trustees at that firm, have worked with the Broker and me in other cases not involving the Debtor.
 - 6. To the best of my knowledge, except as provided above, the Broker and I:
 - a. have no connection with the Debtor, the Debtor's principals, insiders, creditors, the Trustee, any other party or parties in interest, their respective

EXHIBIT 1

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

attorneys and accountants, or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee;

- b. are not creditors, equity security holders or insiders of the Debtor;
- c. are not and were not, within two (2) years before the date of the filing of the petition herein, directors, officers or employees of the Debtor;
- d. do not represent an individual or entity which holds an interest adverse to the Estate;
- e. are not related to the United States Trustee or to the Bankruptcy

 Judge assigned to this case;
 - f. are disinterested within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. §§ 327(a) 101(14);
- g. have no fee sharing arrangement, understanding or compensation sharing arrangement with any other entity, except for the customary division of the commission from the sale of a property between the listing broker and the selling broker, as provided for in the Listing Agreement; and
- h. will not receive a retainer in this case.
 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
 Executed on this ²⁸ day of July, 2022, at Newport Beach, California.



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Decal:

LBM1081

Unit ID:

252606085

Trans Type:

L/O Addition

Trans Date:

08/10/2021

Trade Name:

CUSTOM VILLA

Serial #:

AC7V710394GA, AC7V710394GB

Insignia#

PFS1130281, PFS1130282

Status Date:

08/11/2021

User Name:

CRUZ, SYLVIA

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Manufacturer ID/Name 90002 SKYLINE HOMES INC	Trade Name CUSTOM VILLA	Model .		DOM 05/29/2014	DFS 07/28/2014	RY
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Addressee

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Registered Owner(s)

JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN 16222 MONTEREY LN SPACE 376 **HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649**

Situs Address

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SECTION A - SMOKE DETECTOR AND WATER HEATER SEISMIC BRACING CERTIFICATION

California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Sections 18029.6 and 18031.7 require that on the date of transfer of title all used manufactured homes, used mobilehomes, and used multifamily manufactured homes: 1) be equipped with an operable smoke detector in each room designed for sleeping, and 2) all fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances be seismically braced, anchored, or strapped pursuant to existing codes. A declaration may be signed within 45 days prior to the date of transfer of title stating that these requirements have been met.

L/We further agree to indemnify and save harmless the Director of the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, and subsequent

I/We further agree to indemnify and save harmless the Director of the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, and subsequent purchasers of said unit, for any loss they may suffer resulting from registration of the unit in California or from issuance of a California Certificate of Title covering the same. I/We certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature		Printed Name	
CTION B - RELEASING SIGNATUR	ES	Timed Name	·
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Releasing Signature of Registered Owner		Date of Release	
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Legal Owner of Record (if any) sign and cl	and annualists have	_ □ Release □ Retain *	☐ Assign Interest
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New Registered Owners Name If more than	one New Owner going onto title pleas	New Registered Owners Name e check the appropriate Co-owner term box.	
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Tenants In Common AND	☐ Community Property	☐ Community Property with R	ight of Survivorship
Mailing Address of New Registered Owner	•	City/State	Zip Code
Actual Location Address of Unit		City/State	Zip Code
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Purchase Price or check box if Gift-□	Purchase Date or Tr	ansier Date	
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*********** ATTENTION OWNER:

THIS IS THE REGISTRATION CARD FOR THE UNIT DESCRIBED ABOVE. PLEASE KEEP THIS CARD IN A SAFE PLACE WITHIN THE UNIT.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RENEWAL:

REGISTRATION FOR THIS UNIT EXPIRES ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE IN THE BOX LABELED "Exp. Date". THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENCY. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A RENEWAL NOTICE WITHIN 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE, CONTACT H.C.D. FOR RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS.

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STATEMENT TO ENCUMBER

SECTION I.	DESCRIPTION OF U	NIT		
This unit is a	(check one):			
Manufacture	ed Home, Mobilehome, Multifamily Manu	factured Home Commercial Mod	lular 🔲 Truck Campe	r Floating Home
	icense) Number(s) is: LBM			
	ame is: SKYLINE HOMES-			
The Serial No	umber(s) is: <u>AC7V710394G</u> I	3; AC7V710394GA		-
SECTION II.	LEGAL OWNER INFO	RMATION		
I/We are rele favor of:	asing legal owner interest in t	ne above-described unit to e	ncumber the title (record a lien) in
	J-PAD, LLC - SOS ENT	······································		
Addross:	2702 N. GAFF STREET	(Name of New Legal Owner) ORANGE,	CA	92865
Address:	Street Address or P.O. Box	City		State Zip
SECTION III.	CERTIFICATION			
I/We certify ucorrect.	under penalty of perjury under	the laws of the State of Cali	fornia that the for	egoing is true and
Executed on	<u>1/14/2019</u> at	HUNTINGTON BEACH,	CALIFORNIA, O	CO. OF ORANGI
Signature of	each registered owner:	Printed name o	of each registered	owner:
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Address:1	6222 MONTEREY LN 376	HUNTINGTON BEACH	i, CA	92649
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re: JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN CASE NO, 8:21-bk-11710-ES

ADV CASE NO. 8:21-ap-01096

JANINE JASSO, ESQ.
PLAINTIFF

DECLARATION JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN

VS

JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN J-PAD, LLC J-SANDCASTLE, CO. LLC

I, Jamie Lynn Gallian, declare under penalty of perjury under the Laws of the State of California the foregoing statement to be true and correct.

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DATE: March 15, 2022

JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN, MEMBER J-PAD,LLC

JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN, MEMBER, J-SANDCASTLE CO., LLC

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LLC Termination – Certificate of Cancellation

Entity Name: J-PAD, LLC.

Entity (File) Number: 201804010750

File Date: 11/22/2021

Detailed Filing Information

Dissolution

The Dissolution was made by a vote of ALL of the members of the California Limited Liability Company.

Tax Liability Statement

All final returns required pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code have been or will be filed with the California Franchise Tax Board.

Cancellation Statement

Upon the effective date of this Certificate of Cancellation, the Limited Liability Company's registration is cancelled and its powers, rights and privileges will cease in California.

By signing this document, I certify that the information is true and correct and that I am authorized by California law to sign.

Electronic Signature(s):

Jamie Gallian

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PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 450, Los Angeles, CA 90067-6006.

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (specify): TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF OPPOSITION AND OPPOSITION TO DEBTOR'S NOTICE OF HEARING AND MOTION REQUESTING THE TRUSTEE ABANDON ESTATE'S INTEREST IN DEBTOR'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE, SPACE 376 2014 SKYLINE MANUFACTURED HOME

LBM1981: MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES AND REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN SUPPORT THEREOF will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below: 1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (date) February 1, 2023 I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below: ☑ Service information continued on attached page. 2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL: On February 1, 2023, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by causing to be placed a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed. ☑ Service information continued on attached page. 3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on . I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, (date) or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed. ☐ Service information continued on attached page. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. February 1, 2023 Beverly Lew /s/ Beverly Lew Printed Name Date Signature

ADDITIONAL SERVICE INFORMATION (if needed):

1. SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING ("NEF")

Bradford Barnhardt on behalf of Interested Party Courtesy NEF bbarnhardt@marshackhays.com, bbarnhardt@ecf.courtdrive.com,kfrederick@ecf.courtdrive.com

Bradford Barnhardt on behalf of Plaintiff Houser Bros. Co. bbarnhardt@marshackhays.com, bbarnhardt@ecf.courtdrive.com,kfrederick@ecf.courtdrive.com

Aaron E. DE Leest on behalf of Trustee Jeffrey I Golden (TR) adeleest@DanningGill.com, danninggill@gmail.com;adeleest@ecf.inforuptcy.com

Robert P Goe on behalf of Creditor The Huntington Beach Gables Homeowners Association kmurphy@goeforlaw.com, rgoe@goeforlaw.com;goeforecf@gmail.com

Robert P Goe on behalf of Plaintiff The Huntington Beach Gables Homeowners Association kmurphy@goeforlaw.com, rgoe@goeforlaw.com;goeforecf@gmail.com

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)
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Eric P Israel on behalf of Trustee Jeffrey I Golden (TR) eisrael@DanningGill.com, danninggill@gmail.com;eisrael@ecf.inforuptcy.com

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Laila Masud on behalf of Interested Party Courtesy NEF Imasud@marshackhays.com, Imasud@ecf.courtdrive.com;kfrederick@ecf.courtdrive.com Laila Masud on behalf of Plaintiff Houser Bros. Co. lmasud@marshackhays.com, lmasud@ecf.courtdrive.com;kfrederick@ecf.courtdrive.com

Mark A Mellor on behalf of Defendant Randall L Nickel mail@mellorlawfirm.com, mellormr79158@notify.bestcase.com

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Valerie Smith on behalf of Interested Party Courtesy NEF claims@recoverycorp.com

United States Trustee (SA) ustpregion16.sa.ecf@usdoj.gov

2. SERVED BY U.S. MAIL

Debtor Jamie Lynn Gallian 16222 Monterey Ln Unit 376 Huntington Beach, CA 92649 The Honorable Scott C. Clarkson U.S. Bankruptcy Court 411 W. Fourth Street, Suite 5130 Santa Ana, CA 92701

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Attorney or Party Name, Address, Telephone & FAX Nos., State Bar No. & Email Address JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN 16222 MONTEREY LN #376 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649 (714)321-3449 jamiegallian@gmail.com	FOR COURT USE ONLY		
Attorney for: Debtor appearing without attorney			
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - SANTA ANA DIVISION			
In re: JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN	CASE NO.: 8:21-bk-11710-ES ADVERSARY NO.: 8:21-ap-01096		
Debtor(s).	CHAPTER: 7		
JANINE JASSO, ESQ. Plaintiff(s),	CORPORATE OWNERSHIP STATEMENT PURSUANT TO FRBP 1007(a)(1) and 7007.1, and LBR 1007-4		
JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN J-SANDCASTLE CO LLC J-PAD, LLC			
Defendant(s).	[No hearing]		

Pursuant to FRBP 1007(a)(1) and 7007.1, and LBR 1007-4, any corporation, other than a governmental unit, that is a debtor in a voluntary case or a party to an adversary proceeding or a contested matter shall file this Statement identifying all its parent corporations and listing any publicly held company, other than a governmental unit, that directly or indirectly own 10% or more of any class of the corporation's equity interest, or state that there are no entities to report. This Corporate Ownership Statement must be filed with the initial pleading filed by a corporate entity in a case or adversary proceeding. A supplemental statement must promptly be filed upon any change in circumstances that renders this Corporate Ownership Statement inaccurate.

I, (Printed name of attorney or declarant) JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN , the undersigned in the above-captioned case, hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the following is true and correct:

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[Check the appropriate boxes and, if applicable, provide the required information.]

1. Ih	have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this Statem	ent because:
	I am the president or other officer or an authorized agen	t of the Debtor corporation
	I am a party to an adversary proceeding	
	I am a party to a contested matter	
	I am the attorney for the Debtor corporation	
2.a.	The following entities, other than the Debtor or a govern any class of the corporation's(s') equity interests:	mental unit, directly or indirectly own 10% or more of
	[For additional names, attach an addendum to this form.]	
b.	There are no entities that directly or indirectly own 10% interest.	or more of any class of the corporation's equity
Date:	e: 3/15/22 By	
		Signature of Debtor, or attorney for Debtor
	N	ame: IAMIETYNN GALLIAN

Printed name of Debtor, or attorney for Debtor

JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN 16222 MONTEREY LN. #376 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649 (714) 321-3449 JAMIEGALLIAN@GMAIL.COM

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California Secretary of State **Electronic Filing**

LLC Termination - Certificate of Cancellation

Entity Name:

J-PAD, LLC.

Entity (File) Number:

201804010750

File Date:

11/22/2021

Detailed Filing Information

Dissolution

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Tax Liability Statement

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Entity (File) Number:

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13	JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN,	Chapter 7			
14	Debtor.	Adv. No.			
15	JEFFREY I. GOLDEN, Chapter 7 Trustee,	CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE'S COMPLAINT: (1) TO AVOID AND RECOVER			
16	Plaintiff,	FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS; (2) TO AVOID AND RECOVER POSTPETITION			
17	VS.	TRANSFERS; (3) FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF; (4) FOR BREACH OF			
18	J-SANDCASTLE CO., LLC; J-PAD LLC;	CONTRACT; (5) FOR MONEY HAD AND RECEIVED; AND (6) UNJUST			
19	STEVEN D. GALLIAN; BRIAN J. GALLIAN; JUSTIN BARCLAY; RONALD	ENRICHMENT			
20	J. PIERPONT; ROBERT J. MCLELLAND; AND E. J. GALLIAN,	Date: [SEE SUMMONS] Time: [SEE SUMMONS]			
21	Defendants.	Place: [SEE SUMMONS]			
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23	Plaintiff alleges:				
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25	1. This Court has jurisdiction over t	his adversary proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C.			
26	§§ 157(b) and 1334(b). This action is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(2)(A),				
27	(E), (H), (K), and (O). This adversary proceeding	ng is brought pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 542, 544,			
28	548, 549, 550 and 551 and Rule 7001 of the Fed	leral Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. This			
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adversary proceeding arises in and under and relates to the bankruptcy case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Code") entitled *In Jamie Lynn Gallian*, Case No. 8:21-bk-11710-SC (the "Bankruptcy Case"), which is presently pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Santa Ana Division. Plaintiff consents to and the Court can and should enter a final judgment herein. If and to the extent that the Court determines that it lacks jurisdiction or authority to enter a final judgment, Plaintiff requests that the Court submit findings of fact and conclusions of law for consideration by the District Court.

PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff in this adversary proceeding is Jeffrey I. Golden, the Chapter 7 trustee ("Plaintiff" or the "Trustee") of the bankruptcy estate of Jamie Lynn Gallian, the debtor in the Bankruptcy Case (the "Debtor"). Plaintiff brings this adversary proceeding solely in his capacity as the Chapter 7 Trustee of the Debtor's bankruptcy estate.
- 3. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that J-Sandcastle Co., LLC ("J-Sandcastle") was a California limited liability company, with its principal place of business located in in the County of Orange, State of California. The Debtor is the sole member and manager of J-Sandcastle.
- 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that J-Pad LLC ("J-Pad") was a California limited liability company, with its principal place of business located in in the County of Orange, State of California. The Debtor is the sole member and manager of J-Pad.
- 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Steven D. Gallian is an individual residing in the County of Orange, State of California. Plaintiff is further informed and believes that Steven D. Gallian is the Debtor's son.
- 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Brian J. Gallian is an individual residing in the County of Orange, State of California. Plaintiff is further informed and believes that Brian J. Gallian is the Debtor's son.

- 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that E. J. Gallian is an individual residing in the County of Orange, State of California. Plaintiff is further informed and believes that E. J. Gallian is the Debtor's granddaughter.
- 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Justin Barclay is an individual residing in the County of Orange, State of California. Plaintiff is further informed and believes that Justin Barclay is the Debtor's son.
- 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Ronald J. Pierpont is an individual residing in the County of Orange, State of California. Plaintiff is further informed and believes that Ronald J. Pierpont is the Debtor's ex-husband.
- 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Robert J. McLelland is an individual residing in the County of Orange, State of California. Plaintiff is further informed and believes that Robert J. McLelland is the Debtor's roommate.
- 11. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that J-Sandcastle, J-Pad, Steven Gallian, Brian Gallian, Justin Barclay, and Ronald Pierpont are all "insiders" of the Debtor pursuant to § 101(31) of the Code.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 12. On or about July 9, 2021 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor commenced this case by filing a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 7 of the Code.
- 13. Jeffrey I. Golden thereafter accepted appointment as the Chapter 7 trustee for the Debtor's bankruptcy estate and continues to serve in that capacity for the benefit of creditors.

The J-Sandcastle Transfer

- 14. Up to and until about October 31, 2018, the Debtor lived at 4476 Alderport Drive, Unit 53, Huntington Beach, CA 92649 ("Alderport Property"), which she received as a gift in 2017 from her stepmother, Sandra Bradley ("Ms. Bradley"). The Debtor always held title to the Alderport Property in her own name.
- 27 | 15. On or about October 31, 2018, the Debtor sold the Alderport Property to Randall Nickell for \$379,000, which he paid for in two cashier's checks payable to the Debtor, individually.

1 16. The Debtor deposited the funds from Mr. Nickell for the Alderport Property into a 2 Chase Bank account in her name. 17. 3 Thereafter, the Debtor used \$185,000 of the proceeds from the sale of the Alderport 4 Property to purchase a manufactured home located at 16222 Monterey Lane, Space #376, 5 Huntington Beach, CA 92649 (the "Property") from Lisa Ryan. 6 18. The Debtor paid Ms. Ryan the first \$10,000 on November 1, 2018, and the \$175,000 7 balance of the purchase price for the Property on November 17, 2018. 8 19. Even though the Debtor paid for the Property with proceeds of her Alderport 9 Property deposited into a bank account in her own name, the Debtor transferred title to, and the 10 beneficial interest in, the Property to J-Sandcastle. 11 20. At the time Debtor transferred the Property to J-Sandcastle, she was being sued in 12 multiple actions and judgments were later entered against her as follows: 13 a. On November 8, 2018, in Case No. 30-2017-00913985, the Orange County 14 Superior Court ("OCSC") granted a motion by the Huntington Beach Gables Homeowners 15 Association ("HOA") for attorney's fees against the Debtor, and on December 4, 2018, the OCSC 16 entered an order on the motion, which reflected that the HOA had been awarded \$46,138 of 17 attorney's fees against the Debtor, plus interest. 18 b. On May 6, 2019, in Case No. 30-2017-00913985, the HOA obtained 19 judgment against the Debtor in excess of \$315,000. 20 On September 27, 2018, in Case No. 30-2017-00962999, the OCSC imposed c. 21 \$3,070 of sanctions against the Debtor. 22 d. On March 21, 2019, in Case No. 30-2017-00962999, the HOA obtained a 23 money judgment against the Debtor for \$9,265. 24 To date, the Debtor has paid approximately \$1,295 on account of all these e. 25 judgments and orders. 26 21. On November 1, 2018, Ms. Ryan executed a "Notice of Sale or Transfer" for the 27 Property with the Debtor, "Jamie Lynn Gallian," identified as the "Purchaser/New Owner." 28 22. On November 15, 2018, however, Ms. Ryan whited-out the Debtor's name and

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replaced it with "J-Sandcastle Co, LLC Its Manager Jamie L. Gallian," pursuant to a discussion the Debtor and Ms. Ryan had on that day (the "First J-Sandcastle Transfer").

- 23. The fully executed "Notice of Sale or Transfer" of the Property reflecting that J-Sandcastle was the owner of the Property was transmitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (the "HCD"), which handles the registering and titling of manufactured and mobilehomes, on or about November 20, 2018 (the "Second J-Sandcastle Transfer"). The First J-Sandcastle Transfer and Second J-Sandcastle Transfer are, collectively, the "J-Sandcastle Transfers".
- 24. J-Sandcastle paid no consideration to the Debtor for the J-Sandcastle Transfers or in connection with receiving title to and the beneficial interest in the Property. J-Sandcastle did not have any business other than its ownership of the Property.
- 25. On the Petition Date, title to the Property remained with J-Sandcastle, and not the Debtor.
- 26. On or about July 28, 2021 (postpetition), however, the Debtor caused J-Sandcastle to transfer title to herself personally. Accordingly, as of August 10, 2021, the HCD records were changed to reflect that the Property's registered owner was "Jamie Lynn Gallian". By receiving this transfer from J-Sandcastle, the Debtor is a subsequent transferee that did not take for value, in good faith, and without knowledge of the voidability of the initial fraudulent transfer to J-Sandcastle.

The J-Pad Transfers

- 27. At about the time that the Debtor purchased the Property, she sought to conceal the equity in the Property by granting a lien for \$225,000 on the Property in favor of J-Pad.
- 28. Accordingly, on November 16, 2018, the Debtor, as the sole member of J24 Sandcastle the "borrower", executed a secured promissory note in the amount of \$225,000 in favor
 25 of J-Pad. The secured promissory note is secured by a separate security agreement dated
 26 November 16, 2018, reflecting a security interest in the Property between J-Sandcastle and J-Pad
 27 (the "First J-Pad Transfer").
 - 29. In addition, on November 16, 2018, the Debtor, individually as the "borrower", also 5

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executed a secured promissory note in the amount of \$225,000 in favor of J-Pad. The secured promissory note with the Debtor also purports to be secured by a separate security agreement dated November 16, 2018, between the Debtor and J-Pad (the "Second J-Pad Transfer"). It is unknown if the separate security agreement exists.

- 30. Notwithstanding that the secured promissory notes were for \$225,000, J-Sandcastle did not advance or loan any money to J-Pad at any point in time. The Debtor, however, advanced \$175,000 to J-Pad at about the time of the First J-Pad Transfer, with the balance of \$50,000 coming from the Debtor later (collectively, the "Third J-Pad Transfer").
- 31. Despite the two secured promissory notes, the \$225,000 was not owed to J-Pad. Rather, the \$225,000 was owed by J-Pad to the Debtor (who had in fact advanced the funds from her personal accounts).
- 32. On January 14, 2019, the Debtor individually and through J-Pad filed not less than three UCC-1 Financing Statements with the California Secretary of State listing J-Pad as the secured party and the collateral as the Property (collectively, the "Fourth J-Pad Transfer"). A UCC filing failed to perfect liens against the Property.
- 33. Thereafter, on August 20, 2020, the Debtor signed a "Statement to Encumber" that was submitted to the HCD to add the Debtor's ex-husband, Ronald J. Pierpont, and J-Pad as lienholders on the certificate of title for the Property (the "Fifth J-Pad Transfer").
- 34. Thereafter, as of February 24, 2021, the certificate of title to the Property reflected that Mr. Pierpont and J-Pad were the "legal owners" (i.e., the lienholders) on the Property.
- 35. On or about July 9, 2021, however, Mr. Pierpont submitted a signed "Lien Satisfied" form to the HCD removing Mr. Pierpont and J-Pad as the lienholders on the Property.
- 36. Thereafter, as of August 3, 2021, the certificate of title to the Property did not reflect any "legal owners" (i.e., lienholders) on the Property.
- 37. On or about August 6, 2021 (postpetition), the Debtor, individually, signed and submitted a "Statement of Facts" to the HCD stating that the legal owner of the Property was J-Pad and that J-Pad perfected its lien on January 14, 2019 (the "Sixth J-Pad Transfer").
- 28 38. The Debtor also submitted with the August 6, 2021, Statement of Facts a "Statement

to Encumber" purportedly signed on January 14, 2019, reflecting that the "legal owner" of the Property was only J-Pad (the "Seventh J-Pad Transfer").

- 39. The First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh J-Pad Transfers are collectively referred to as the "J-Pad Transfers".
 - 40. J-Pad paid no consideration for the J-Pad Transfers.

The Steven and Brian Gallian Transfers

- 41. On August 20, 2020, the Debtor, as the member of J-Sandcastle, signed a "Statement to Encumber" that was submitted to the HCD to add her sons Steven Gallian and Brian Gallian as legal owners (i.e., lienholders) on the certificate of title for the Property (the "First Steven and Brian Transfer").
- 42. In addition, on December 4, 2020, the Debtor, as the member of J-Pad, filed a UCC Financing Statement Amendment (UCC3) with the California Secretary of State listing Steven and Brian Gallian as additional secured parties with respect to the Property (the "Second Steven and Brian Transfer"). The UCC filings failed to perfect liens against the Property. The First Steven and Brian Transfer and the Second Steven and Brian Transfer are collectively, the "Steven and Brian Transfers".
 - 43. Steven and Brian Gallian paid no consideration for the Steven and Brian Transfers.

 Additional Postpetition Liens
- 44. In addition to the UCC Financing Statement Amendment (UCC3) filed on December 4, 2020, with respect to Steven and Brian Gallian, on September 8, 2021, September 12, 2021, and September 24, 2021, the Debtor, individually and/or through J-Pad or J-Sandcastle, purported to perfect or create additional liens on the Property in favor of J-Pad, Steven Gallian, Brian Gallian, Justin Barclay, Ronald J. Pierpont, Robert J. McLelland, and E. J. Gallian by filing multiple UCC Financing Statement Amendments (UCC3) with the California Secretary of State
- listing J-Pad, Steven Gallian, Brian Gallian, Justin Barclay, Mr. Pierpont, Robert J. Mclelland, and
 E. J. Gallian as additional secured parties (collectively, the "Postpetition Transfers"). The UCC
 filings failed to perfect liens against the Property.
 - 45. J-Pad, Steven Gallian, Brian Gallian, Justin Barclay, Mr. Pierpont, Robert J.

1 McLelland, and E. J. Gallian paid no consideration for Postpetition Transfers or to be added as 2 additional secured parties with respect to the Property. 3 46. The J-Sandcastle Transfers, J-Pad Transfers, Steven and Brian Transfers, and the Postpetition Transfers are collectively referred to as the "Transfers". 4 5 47. The Trustee is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that on the Petition Date, there existed in this case one or more creditors holding unsecured claims allowable under 6 7 § 502 of the Code or that are not allowable only under § 502(e), that could have avoided the 8 Transfers under applicable law. 9 10 FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF 11 (To Avoid and Recover Fraudulent Transfers under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544(b) and/or 548 and 550, 12 and California Civil Code §§ 3439.04, 3439.07 and 3439.08) 13 (Against All Defendants) 48. 14 Plaintiff refers to and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation 15 contained in paragraphs 1 through 47, inclusive, of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein. 16 49. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the Debtor made 17 the Transfers with the actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud one or more of her creditors. 18 50. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 544 and/or 548, California Civil Code § 3439.04(a), and 19 other applicable law, Plaintiff is entitled to avoid the Transfers as not being perfected or as 20 fraudulent. 21 51. Pursuant to Section 550(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Plaintiff may recover the 22 Transfers from the initial transferees and any subsequent transferees. 23 52. Specifically, Plaintiff may recover the Property from J-Sandcastle, or the value 24 thereof, plus interest thereon at the maximum legal rate. 25 53. Additionally, Plaintiff may recover the Third J-Pad Transfer (i.e., \$225,000) from J-26 Pad, plus interest thereon at the maximum legal rate. 27 54. Pursuant to the provisions of § 550 and § 551 of the Bankruptcy Code, all avoided

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5	and California Civil Code §§ 3439.05, 3439.07 and 3439.08)
6	(Against All Defendants)
7	55. Plaintiff refers to and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation
8	contained in paragraphs 1 through 47, inclusive, of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
9	56. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the Debtor
10	received less than a reasonably equivalent value in exchange for the Transfers.
11	57. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that at the time the
12	Transfers were made, the Debtor was either insolvent or became insolvent as a result of the
13	Transfers.
14	58. Pursuant to Sections 544(b) and/or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code, California Civil
15	Code California Civil Code §§ 3439.05 and 3439.07, and other applicable law, Plaintiff is entitled
16	to avoid the Transfers as not being properly perfected or as fraudulent.
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21	61. Additionally, Plaintiff may recover the Third J-Pad Transfer (i.e., \$225,000) from J-
22	Pad, plus interest thereon at the maximum legal rate.
23	62. Pursuant to the provisions of § 550 and § 551 of the Bankruptcy Code, all avoided
24	Transfers, including title to and liens against the Property, are preserved for the benefit of the
25	Debtor's estate.
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1 THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF 2 (To Avoid and Recover Fraudulent Transfers under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544(b) and/or 548 and 550, 3 and California Civil Code §§ 3439.04(a), 3439.07, and 3439.08) 4 (Against all Defendants) 5 63. Plaintiff refers to and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 47, inclusive, and paragraph 56, of this Complaint as though 6 7 fully set forth herein. 8 64. Plaintiff alleges that at the time of the Transfers, the Debtor was engaged, or was 9 about to engage, in business or a transaction or transactions for which her remaining assets were 10 unreasonably small in relation to the business or transaction. 11 65. Pursuant to Sections 544(b) and/or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code, California Civil 12 Code California Civil Code §§ 3439.05 and 3439.07, and other applicable law, Plaintiff is entitled 13 to avoid the Transfers as either not being properly perfected or as fraudulent. 14 66. Pursuant to Section 550(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Plaintiff may recover the 15 Transfers from the initial transferees and any subsequent transferees. 16 67. Specifically, Plaintiff may recover the Property from J-Sandcastle, or the value 17 thereof, plus interest thereon at the maximum legal rate. 18 68. Additionally, Plaintiff may recover the Third J-Pad Transfer (i.e., \$225,000) from J-19 Pad, plus interest thereon at the maximum legal rate. 20 69. Pursuant to the provisions of § 550 and § 551 of the Bankruptcy Code, all avoided 21 Transfers, including title to and liens against the Property, are preserved for the benefit of the 22 Debtor's estate. 23 24 FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (To Avoid and Recover Fraudulent Transfers under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544(b) and/or 548 and 550, 25 26 and California Civil Code §§ 3439.04(a), 3439.07, and 3439.08) 27 (Against all Defendants) 28 70. Plaintiff refers to and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation 10 1719769.2 27064

1 contained in paragraphs 1 through 47, inclusive, and paragraph 56, of this Complaint as though 2 fully set forth herein. 3 71. Plaintiff alleges that the Debtor intended to incur, or believed or reasonably should have believed that she would incur, debts that would be beyond her ability to pay as such debts 4 5 became due. 72. Pursuant to Sections 544(b) and/or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code, California Civil 6 7 Code California Civil Code §§ 3439.04(a) and 3439.07, and other applicable law, Plaintiff is 8 entitled to avoid the Transfers as either not being properly perfected or as fraudulent. 9 73. Pursuant to Section 550(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Plaintiff may recover the 10 Transfers from the initial transferees and any subsequent transferees. 11 74. Specifically, Plaintiff may recover the Property from J-Sandcastle, or the value 12 thereof, plus interest thereon at the maximum legal rate. 13 75. Additionally, Plaintiff may recover the Third J-Pad Transfer (i.e., \$225,000) from J-14 Pad, plus interest thereon at the maximum legal rate. 15 Pursuant to the provisions of § 550 and § 551 of the Bankruptcy Code, all avoided 76. 16 Transfers, including title to and liens against the Property, are preserved for the benefit of the 17 Debtor's estate. 18 19 FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF 20 (To Avoid and Recover Postpetition Transfers under 11 U.S.C. § 549(a)) 21 (Against All Defendants) 22 77. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by this reference all of his allegations in Paragraphs 23 1 through 76, inclusive, of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein. 24 78. The Sixth J-Pad Transfer, Seventh J-Pad Transfer, and the Postpetition Transfers 25 were not authorized under the Bankruptcy Code or by the Court. 26 79. Pursuant to § 549 of the Code, the Trustee is entitled to avoid the Sixth J-Pad 27 Transfer, Seventh J-Pad Transfer, and the Postpetition Transfers.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 550 and § 551 of the Bankruptcy Code, any liens

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2	preserved for the benefit of the Debtor's estate.
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4	SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
5	(For Declaratory Relief)
6	(Against All Defendants)
7	81. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by this reference all of his allegations in Paragraphs
8	1 through 80, inclusive, of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
9	82. An actual controversy exists in that Plaintiff contends that the Defendants do not
10	have valid, perfected, and unavoidable liens on the Property.
11	83. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 544(a)(2) and other applicable law, the Trustee is entitled to
12	a judgment determining that the Defendants do not have valid, perfected, and unavoidable liens on
13	the Property.
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WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays for judgment against the Defendants as follows:

ON THE FIRST THROUGH FOURTH CLAIMS FOR RELIEF:

- 1. For judgment in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants avoiding the Transfers;
- 2. For a judgment in favor of the Plaintiff and against all transferees for the Trustee to recover the transferred property;
- 3. For a judgment in favor of the Plaintiff and against J-Sandcastle for the Trustee to recover the Property from J-Sandcastle;
- 4. For a judgment in favor of the Plaintiff and against J-Pad for the Trustee to recover the Third J-Pad Transfer (i.e., \$225,000) from J-Pad;
- 5. For a judgment in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants preserving any avoided Transfers, including title to and liens against the Property, for the benefit of the Debtor's estate.
- 6. For an award of interest at the legal rate on all sums awarded to Plaintiff from and after the date of the Transfers.

ON THE FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

- 7. For judgment in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants avoiding and recovering the Sixth J-Pad Transfer, Seventh J-Pad Transfer, and the Postpetition Transfers;
- 8. For a judgment in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants preserving any liens relating to the J-J-Pad Transfers, Steven and Brian Transfers, and the Postpetition Transfers for the benefit of the Debtor's estate.

ON THE SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

9. For a judgment determining that the Defendants do not have valid liens on the Property.

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B1040 (FORM 1040) (12/15)

ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEET (Instructions on Reverse)		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)	
PLAINTIFFS JEFFREY I. GOLDEN, Chapter 7 Trustee	STEVEN D. BARCLAY;	ANTS J-SANDCASTLE CO., LLC; J-PAD LLC; GALLIAN; BRIAN J. GALLIAN; JUSTIN RONALD J. PIERPONT; ROBERT J. ND; AND E. J. GALLIAN	
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.) DANNING, GILL, ISRAEL & KRASNOFF, LLP 1901 AVENUE OF THE STARS, SUITE 450 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067-6006 310-277-0077	ATTORNEYS (If Known)		
PARTY (Check One Box Only) □ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin □ Creditor □ Other □ Trustee	tor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin □ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin ditor □ Other □ Other		
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□ 11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property □ 12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference □ 13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer □ 14-Recovery of money/property - other □ 64-Disch □ (other		rgeability - \$523(a)(5), domestic support rgeability - \$523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury rgeability - \$523(a)(8), student loan rgeability - \$523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation than domestic support)	
FRBP 7001(2) – Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien 21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	☐ 65-Dischargeability - other FRBP 7001(7) – Injunctive Relief		
FRBP 7001(3) – Approval of Sale of Property 31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)	71-Injunctive relief – imposition of stay 72-Injunctive relief – other		
FRBP 7001(4) – Objection/Revocation of Discharge 41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)	FRBP 7001(8) Subordination of Claim or Interest 81-Subordination of claim or interest		
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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES				
NAME OF DEBTOR JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 8:21-bk-11710-SC		
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING CENTRAL		DIVISION OFFICE SANTA ANA	NAME OF JUDGE SCOTT C. CLARKSON	
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PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.	
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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF) /s/ Aaron E. de Leest				
DATE		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNI	EY (OR PLAINTIFF)	
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INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 1040, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 1040 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and **Defendants.** Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

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1 ERIC P. ISRAEL (State Bar No. 132426) eisrael@DanningGill.com AARON E. DE LEEST (State Bar No. 216832) FILED & ENTERED adeleest@DanningGill.com SHANTĀL MALMED (State Bar No. 351496) smalmed@DanningGill.com MAY 10 2024 DANNING, GILL, ISRAEL & KRASNOFF, LLP 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 450 Los Angeles, California 90067-6006 **CLERK U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT** Central District of California
BY bolte DEPUTY CLERK Telephone: (310) 277-0077 Facsimile: (310) 277-5735 Attorneys for Plaintiff Jeffrey I. Golden, Chapter 7 Trustee 8 9 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 10 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SANTA ANA DIVISION 11 12 Case No. 8:21-bk-11710-SC 13 In re 14 JAMIE LYNN GALLIAN, Chapter 7 15 Debtor. 16 JEFFREY I. GOLDEN, Chapter 7 Trustee, Adv. No. 8:23-ap-01064-SC 17 Plaintiff, **DEFAULT JUDGMENT AGAINST J-PAD** 18 LLC VS. 19 Date: May 7, 2024 J-SANDCASTLE CO., LLC; J-PAD LLC; Time: 1:30 p.m. 20 STEVEN D. GALLIAN; BRIAN J. Place: Courtroom 5C 411 W. Fourth Street GALLIAN; JUSTIN BARCLAY; RONALD 21 J. PIERPONT; ROBERT J. MCLELLAND; Santa Ana, California 92701 AND E.J. GALLIAN, 22 Defendants. 23 24 On April 5, 2024, Plaintiff Jeffrey I. Golden, as the Chapter 7 Trustee (the "Trustee" or 25 "Plaintiff") for the bankruptcy estate of Jamie Lynn Gallian (the "Debtor"), filed the Motion for 26 Default Judgment under LBR 7055-1 against Defendant J-Pad LLC (the "Motion") (docket no. 76), 27 which was heard by the Court on May 7, 2024. Default was previously entered against Defendant 28 1 1770829.1 27064

J-Pad LLC (the "Defendant") on August 22, 2023. The Court having granted the Motion pursuant to an order entered contemporaneously herewith, and good cause appearing:

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. Default judgment is entered in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendant on the Plaintiff's first and fifth claims for relief in the Complaint.
- 2. The transfer to the Defendant of a lien on and security interest in the manufactured home located at 16222 Monterey Lane, Space #376, Huntington Beach, CA 92649, Decal #LBM1081, Serial # AC7V710394GA, AC7V710394GB (the "Property") reflected by the secured promissory note and security agreement between J-Sandcastle Co., LLC and the Defendant dated November 16, 2018 and lien on the Property in the amount of \$225,000 in favor of the Defendant are avoided and preserved for the benefit of the Debtor's estate in the name of Jeffrey I. Golden, Chapter 7 Trustee for the bankruptcy estate of Jamie Lynn Gallian.
- 3. The transfers to the Defendant relating to the Property, including the following UCC Financing Statements (UCC-1) and UCC Financing Statement Amendments (UCC-3), and any liens on the Property in favor of the Defendant are avoided and preserved for the benefit of the Debtor's estate in the name of Jeffrey I. Golden, Chapter 7 Trustee for the bankruptcy estate of Jamie Lynn Gallian.

UCC Filing Date	UCC Type	Filing No.
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1/14/2019 UCC-1 Financing Statement		197691905279
12/4/2020	UCC-3 Amendment	U200034803831
9/8/2021	UCC-3 Amendment	U210083394336
9/8/2021	UCC-3 Amendment	U210083400018
9/12/2021	UCC-3 Amendment	U210084251426
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9/12/2021	UCC-3 Amendment	U210084256326
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1 4. The Debtor's transfers to the Defendant reflected by the "Statement of Facts" 2 submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development on or about 3 August 6, 2021, stating that the legal owner of the Property was the Defendant and that the 4 Defendant perfected its lien on January 14, 2019, and the "Statement to Encumber" executed on 5 January 14, 2019, reflecting that the "legal owner" of the Property was the Defendant and any liens on the Property in favor of the Defendant are avoided and preserved for the benefit of the Debtor's 6 7 estate in the name of Jeffrey I. Golden, Chapter 7 Trustee for the bankruptcy estate of Jamie Lynn 8 Gallian. 9 5. Pursuant of Rule 54 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure there is no just reason for delay in entry of this judgment against the Defendant. 10 ### 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 Date: May 10, 2024 Scott C. Clarkson 24 United States Bankruptcy Judge 25 26 27 28 3

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PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is: 16222 Monterey Ln. #378 Huntington Beach, CA 92649

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